

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HERO

CAPTAIN MARVEL

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When former U.S. Air Force Pilot, Carol Danvers was caught in the explosion of an alien device called the Psyche-Magnitron, she was transformed into one of the world's most powerful super beings. She now uses her abilities to protect her planet and fight for justice as an Avenger. She is Earth's Mightiest Hero...she is...

CAPTAIN MARVEL



Hoping to beat the altitude record her former mentor, pilot Helen Cobb, left behind, Captain Marvel is suddenly transported through time. After discovering pieces from the Psyche-Magnitron strewn throughout the time stream, Carol finally comes across the last one — in the hands of a younger Helen Cobb. Now, Carol and Helen have jumped to the place it all started... the event that would make Carol Danvers a super hero.

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**MOUNT SINAI
HOSPITAL.**

PAS-OP WING,
TRACY BURKE'S
ROOM.

KNOCK
KNOCK.

OH BOO...
IT'S YOU!

"WELL,
HELLO, JESSICA.
OH! HOW LOVELY.
WHAT BRINGS
YOU BY?"

I KNOW
WHAT BRINGS
YOU BY. DANVERS
SENT YOU. SHE
DID IT TO
TORMENT ME.

CHK

AND ME.
TWO-FOR-
ONE TORMENTING.
CAROL DOES
ENJOY A
BADGAM!

SHE ALL
RIGHT?

SH-SH
STILL OFF
THE GRID.

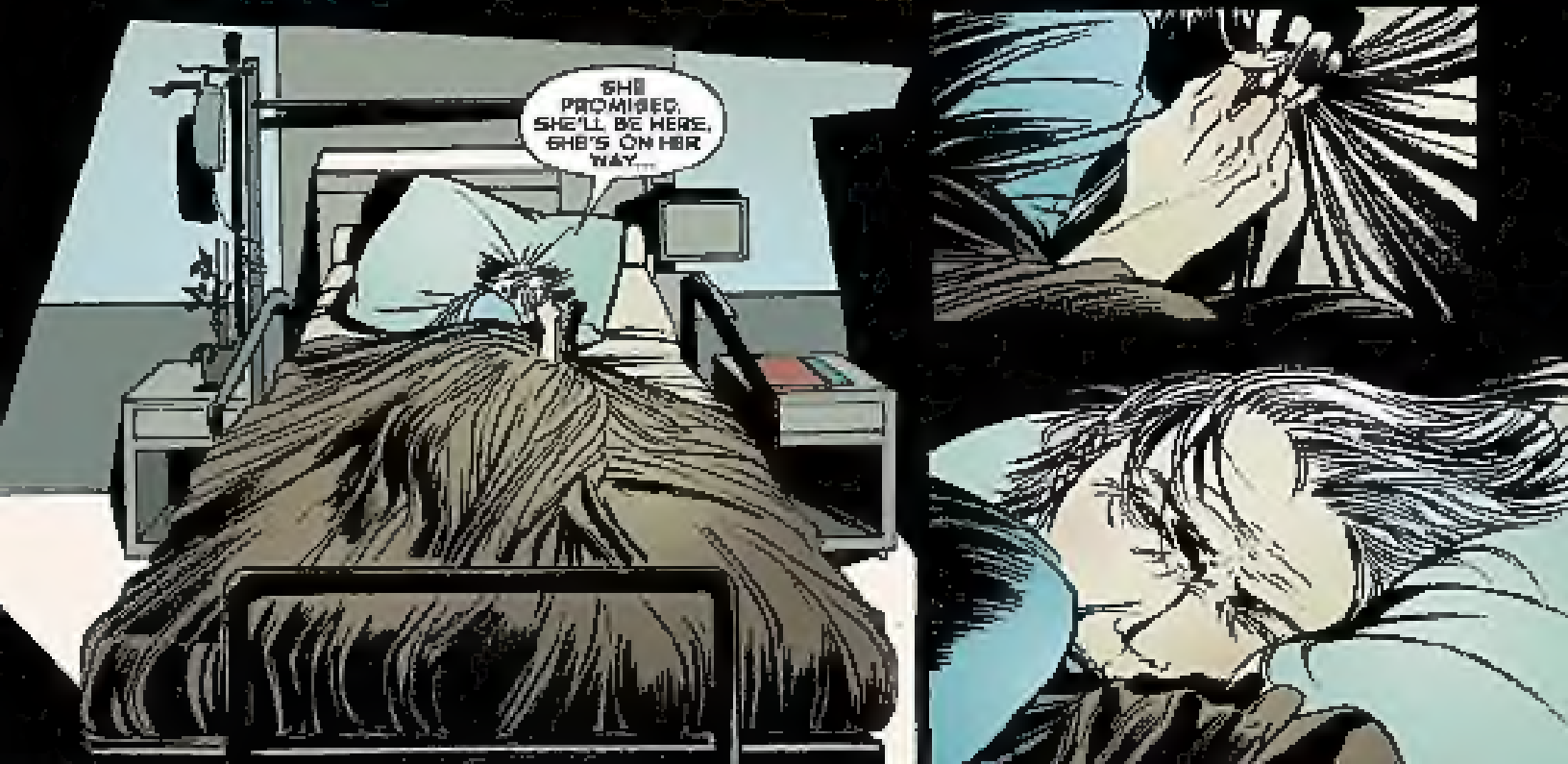
WE HAVE
AN AGREEMENT.
SHE DOESN'T CALL.
I FEED HER CAT
AND I LOOK IN
ON YOU.

THE CAT
IS NICER
TO ME.

THE CAT
WOULD EAT
YOUR BODY
BEFORE YOU
WERE COLD.

SO
WOULD
YOU.

TELEPHONE



**A LONG LOST
SUBTERRANEAN
KREE OUTPOST.**

MOMENTS BEFORE
THE EXPLOSION THAT
CONFERRED UPON CAROL
DANVERS HER POWERS

CAPTAIN
MARVEL IS
ON HIS WAY
THIS VERY
INSTANT!

WE HAVE
LOATHED
EACH OTHER
FOR TOO LONG
FOR ME NOT TO
SENSE HIS
NEARNESS!

THEN YOU'RE
THROUGH--

"THAT'S YOU,
DANVERS...?"

YEARS
AGO, IN YOUR
FUTURE AND MY
PAST, YES.

SO...

TIME
TRAVEL, HELEN.
YES, I KNOW.
NO ONE LIKES IT,
BUT WE'RE
HERE NOW.

YOU JUST
HAVE TO
GO WITH IT.

LISTEN,
BITCH--

I AM
MARRIED, I GOT
NO KIDS. BOTH MY
FOLKS ARE DEAD AND
THAT JACKASS AT
NASA WON'T GIVE ME
MY DAMN ROCKET ON
ACCOUNT OF
I'M A GAL...

"...TIME TRAVEL
DON'T SOUND
SO BAD TO ME.

"WHO'S
THE
TURKEY?"

A DEVICE
LONG OUTLAWED
BY THE STAR-
SPANNING
KREE!

"THE
NAME IS
YON-ROG.
HE'S AN
ALIEN."

OOOOOF
COURSE
HE IS.



THERE IS NO POWER WHICH EQUALS THAT OF ONE WHO STANDS IN THE GLOW OF...
...THE PSYCHE-MAGNITRON!



AND HERE I THOUGHT I TALKED FUNNY.

IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME.

THAT THING IS...IT'S BASICALLY A WISHING MACHINE. THE KREE KNEW HOW DANGEROUS IT WAS SO THEY BURIED IT HERE.



THE SCRAP THEY DUG UP IN PERU WAS FROM THAT...

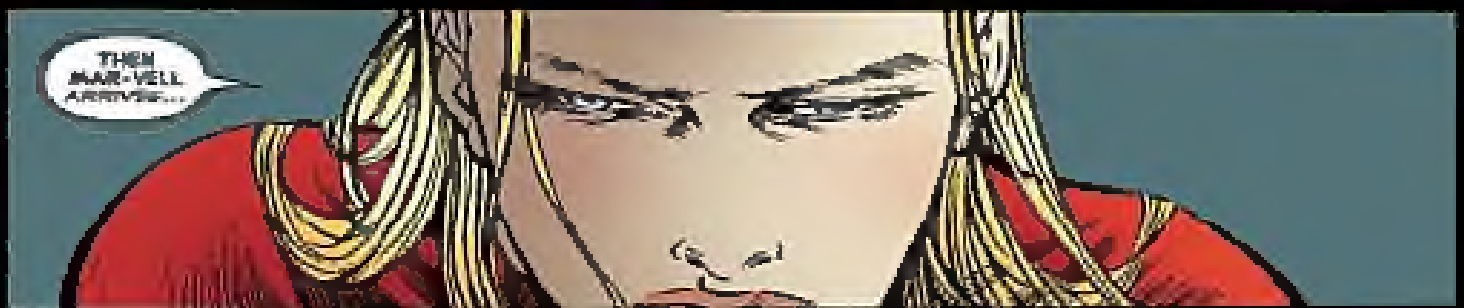
SO IT GOES BOOM. YOU WISH YOU WERE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO STOP IT AND BINGO! YOU'RE PRINCESS SPARKLEFIST! FLYIN' WITHOUT A PLANET?

HE CONQUERS THE MANDROID FIRST.



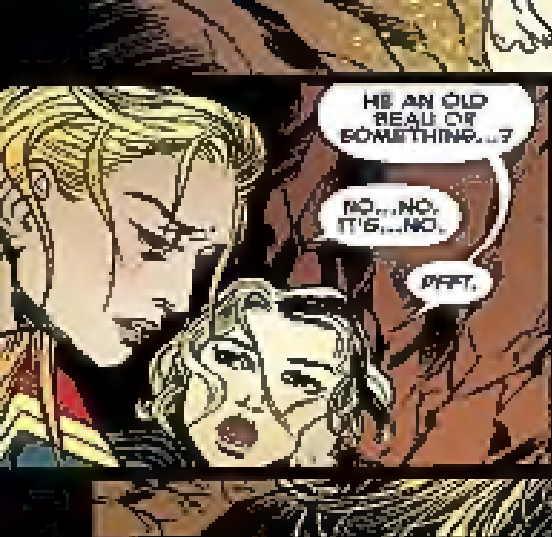
VON-ROSS HAS CREATED...

...THE MANDROID!



THEN MAR-VELL ARRIVED...

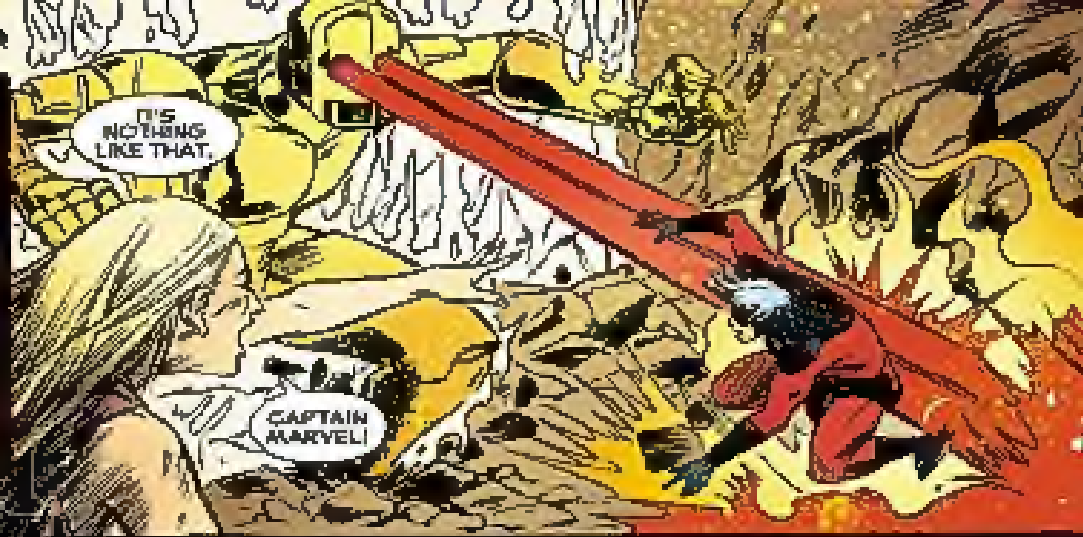




HE AN OLD
BEAU OF
SOMETHING...?

NO...NO.
IT'S...NO.

PFFT.

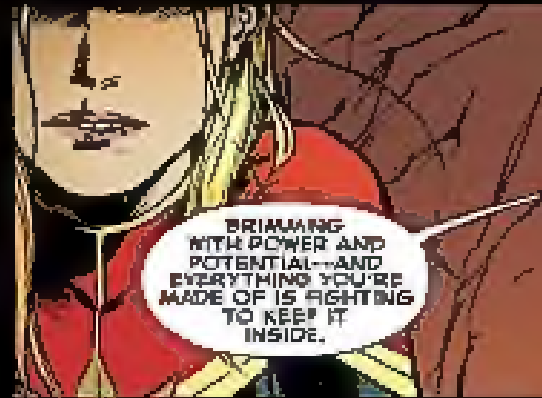


IT'S NOTHING
LIKE THAT.

CAPTAIN
MARVEL!



YOU'RE
LIKE A TEA
KETTLE ON A HOT
STOVE, KITTEN.
YOU KNOW
THAT?



BRIAWING
WITH POWER AND
POTENTIAL--AND
EVERYTHING YOU'RE
MADE OF IS FIGHTING
TO KEEP IT
INSIDE.



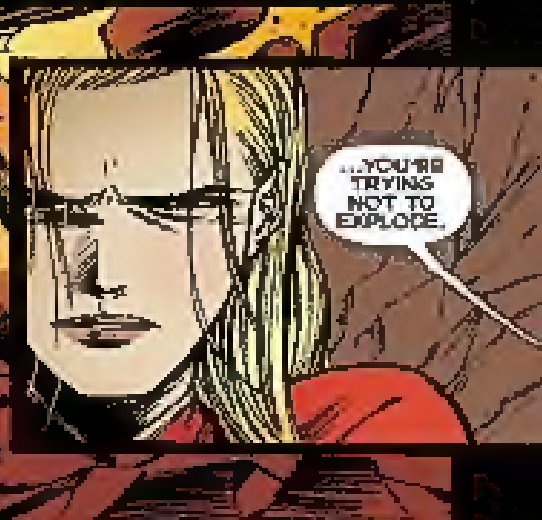
BLAST
HER!



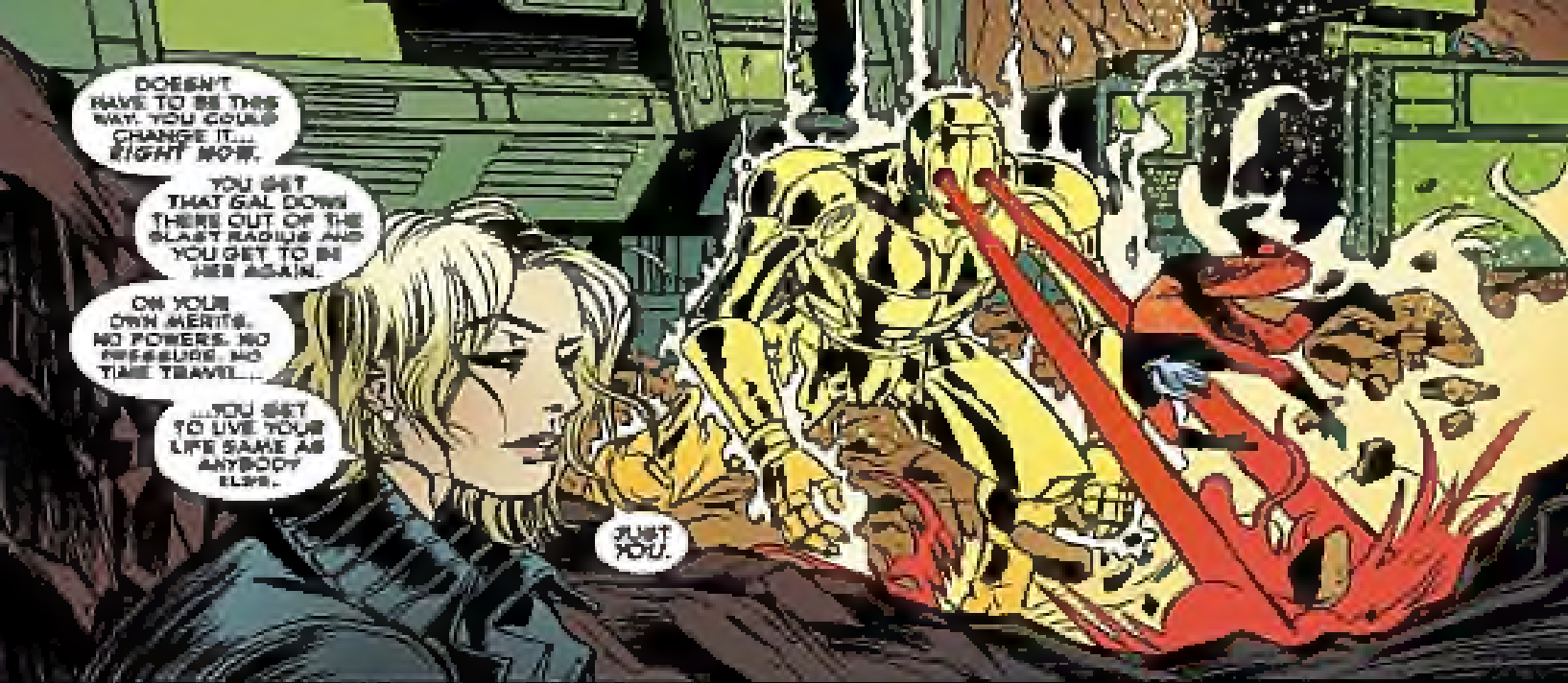
EVERY
MINUTE
OF YOUR
LIFE



AURRAH!



...YOU'RE
TRYING
NOT TO
EXPLODE.



DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THIS WAY. YOU COULD CHANGE IT... RIGHT NOW.

YOU GET THAT GAL DOWN THERE OUT OF THE BLAST RADIUS AND YOU GET TO BE HER AGAIN.

ON YOUR OWN MERITS. NO POWERS. NO PRESSURE. NO TIME TRAVEL.

...YOU GET TO LIVE YOUR LIFE SAME AS ANYBODY ELSE.

JUST YOU.



FIND OUT WHAT YOU'RE REALLY MADE OF.

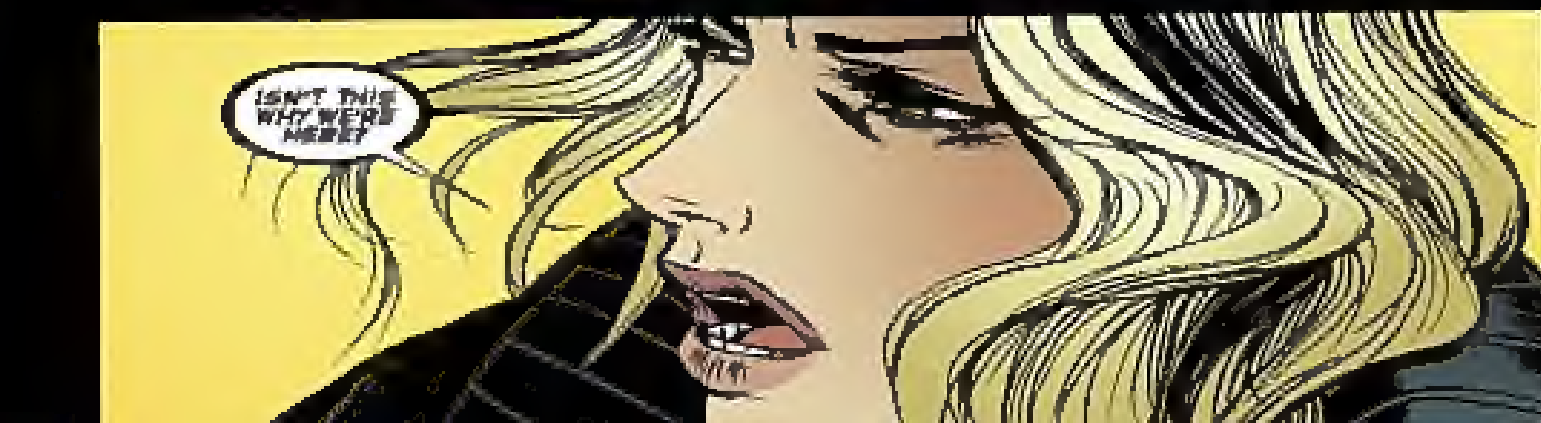
NOBODY WILL KEEP ME FROM YOU, KID-BROS!



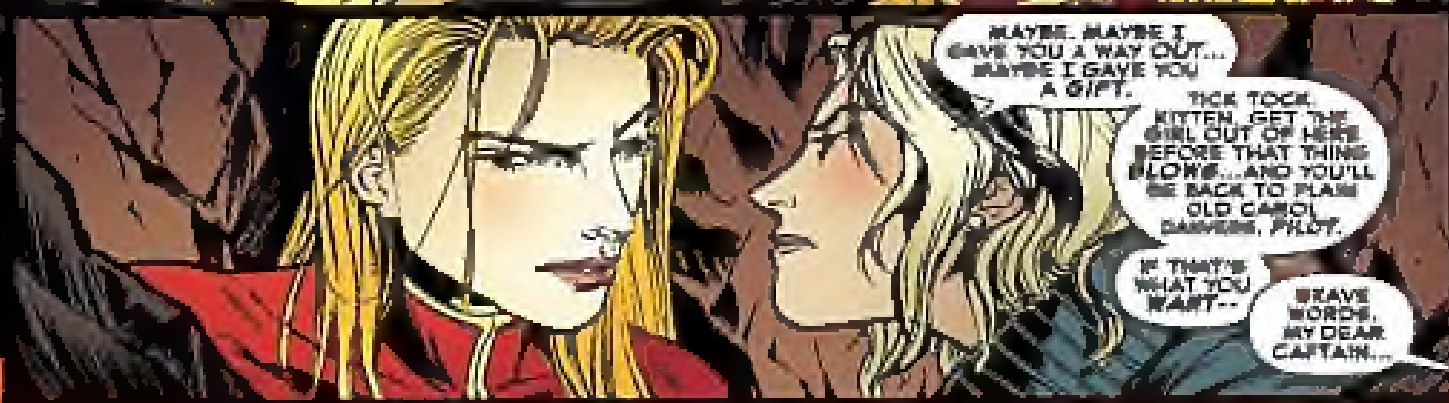
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OH, COME ON, CAROL! YOU'RE TRYING TO GET IN THERE AND STOP THIS.

SO DO IT! WHAT THE HELL WHY NOT?



ISN'T THIS WHY WE'RE HERE?





I DON'T GO IN
BECAUSE I'M
CHOOSING TO
CHANGE ANYTHING.

I GO BECAUSE
HE'S HURT AND
I CAN HELP.



HE
CAUGHT ME
HEAD-ON
WITH HIS IMPA-
LEABLE...

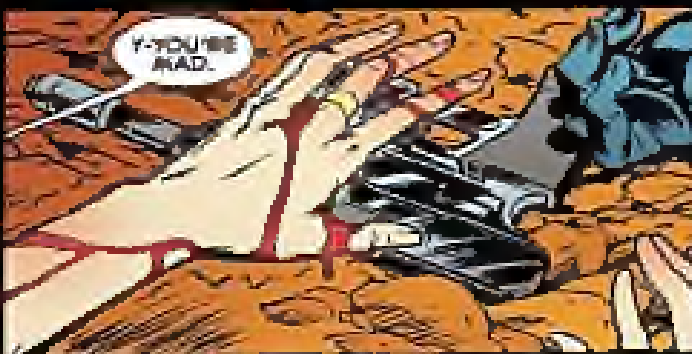
I'VE
FAILED... FAILED
AN ENTIRE
UNIVERSE...



I GO BECAUSE
I'M AN AVENGER
AND THAT'S
WHAT WE DO.



MAR-VELL!
MAR-VELL!
CAN YOU HEAR
ME?



Y-YOU'RE
MAD.

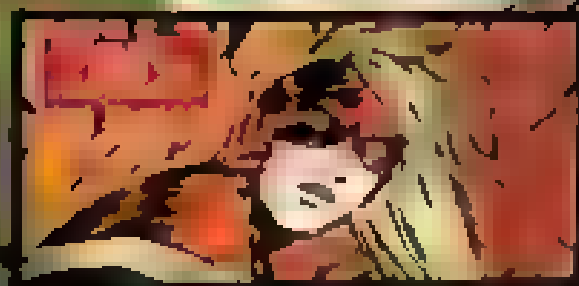


C-CAPTAIN
MARVEL...
BATTLES TO SAVE
BOTH HIS WORLD...
AND MY OWN!

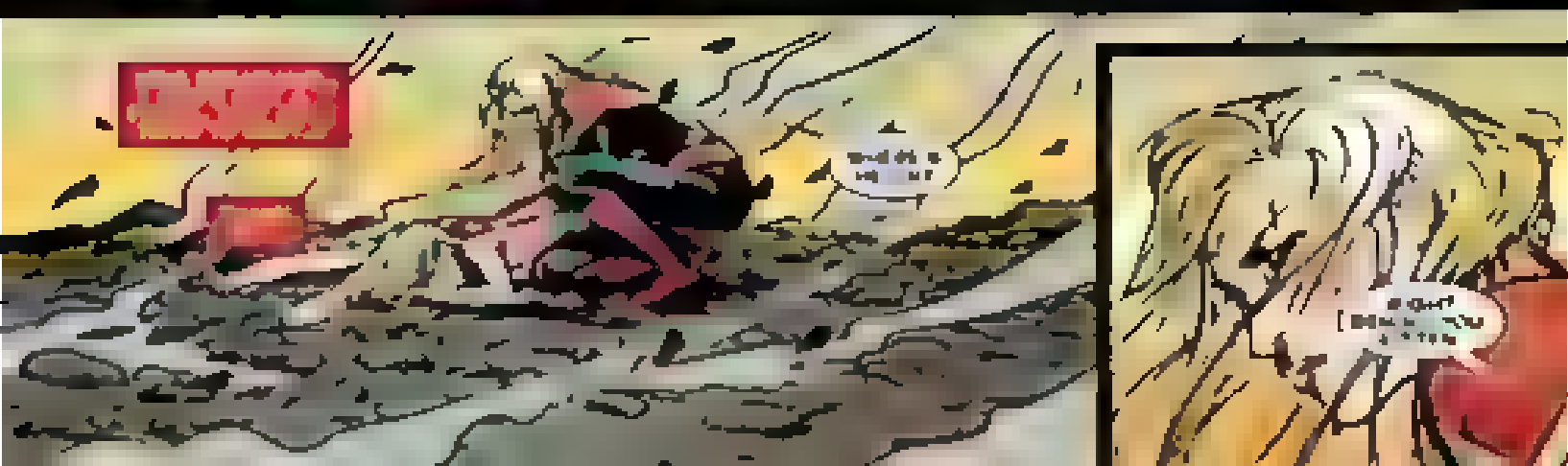
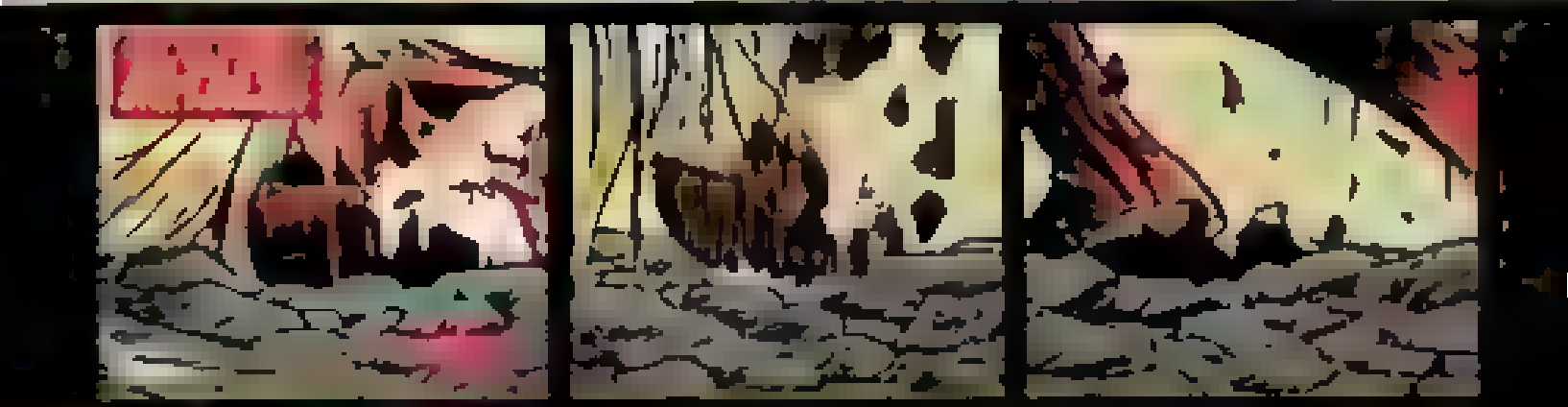
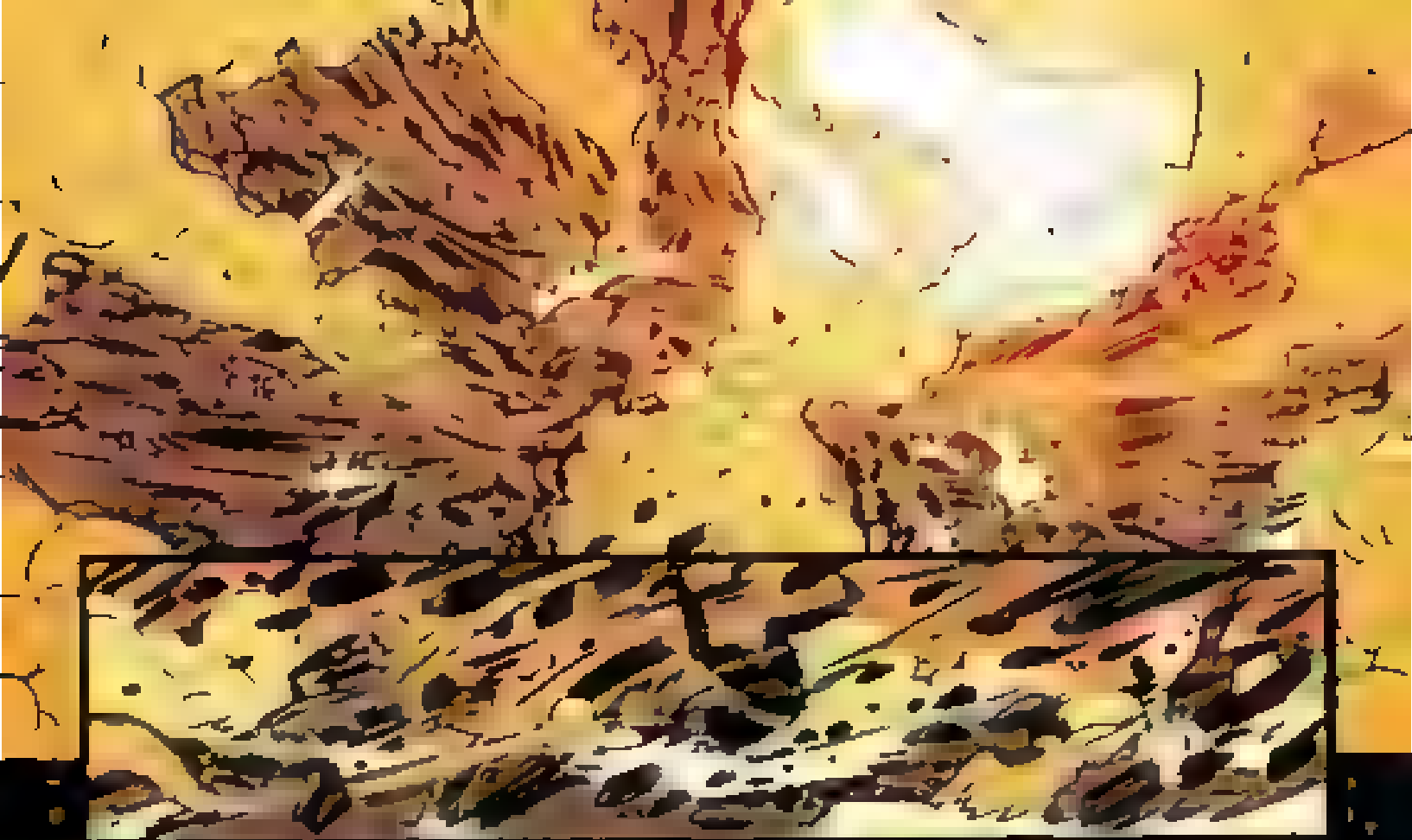


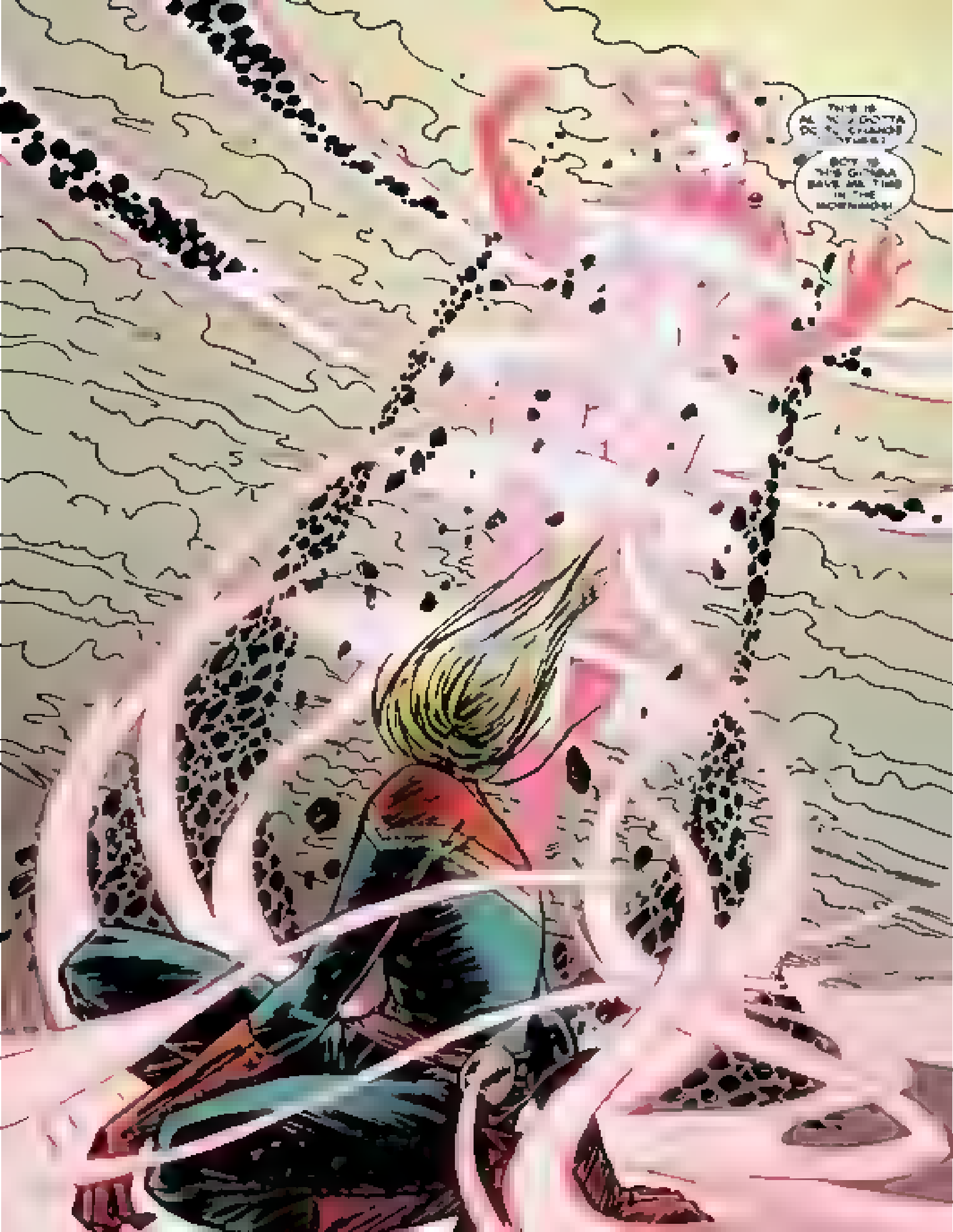
WORDS,
MY DEAR...

NO...NOT
YET...







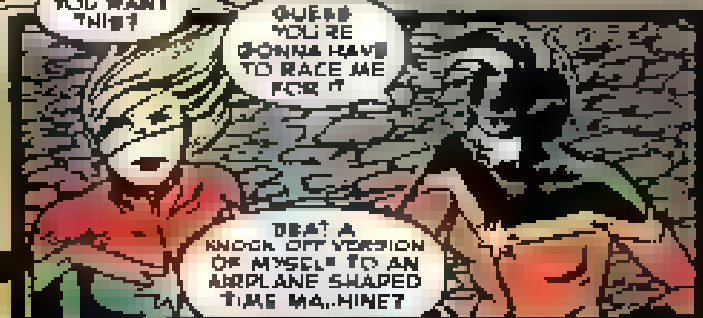
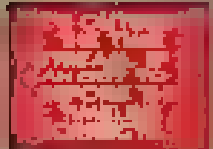
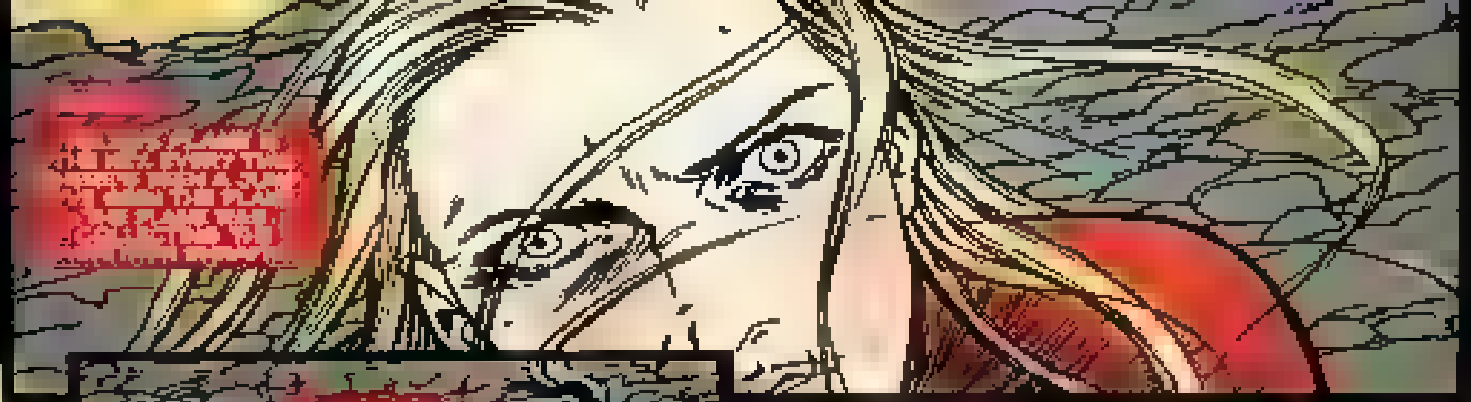


THIS IS
ALL I GOTTA
DO TO
CRASH
THAT?

BOY TO
THE GUNNA
HAVE AN TIME
IN THE
MORNING!

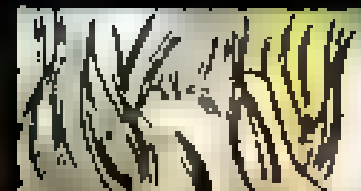
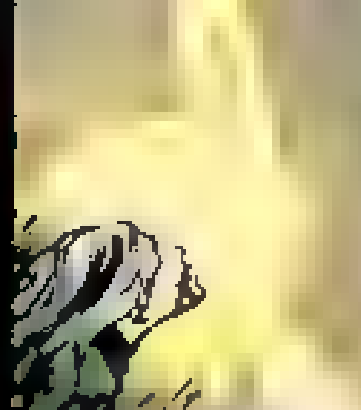
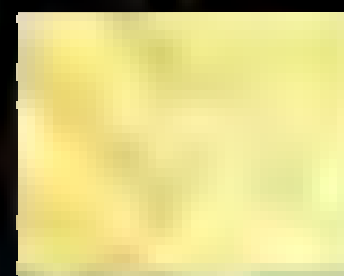
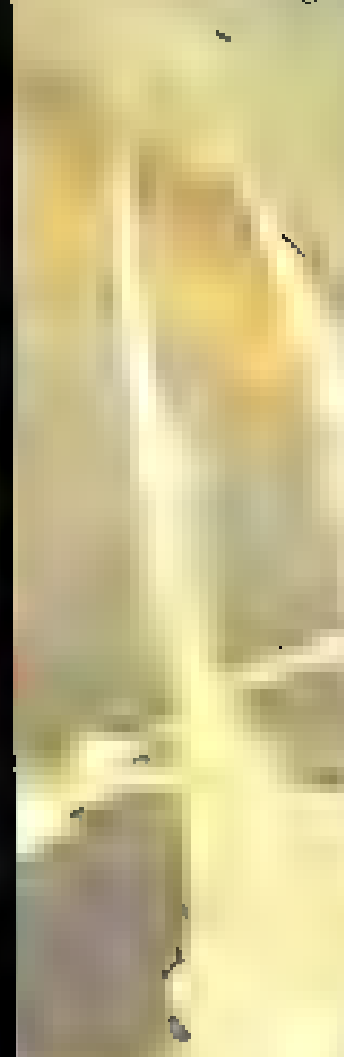




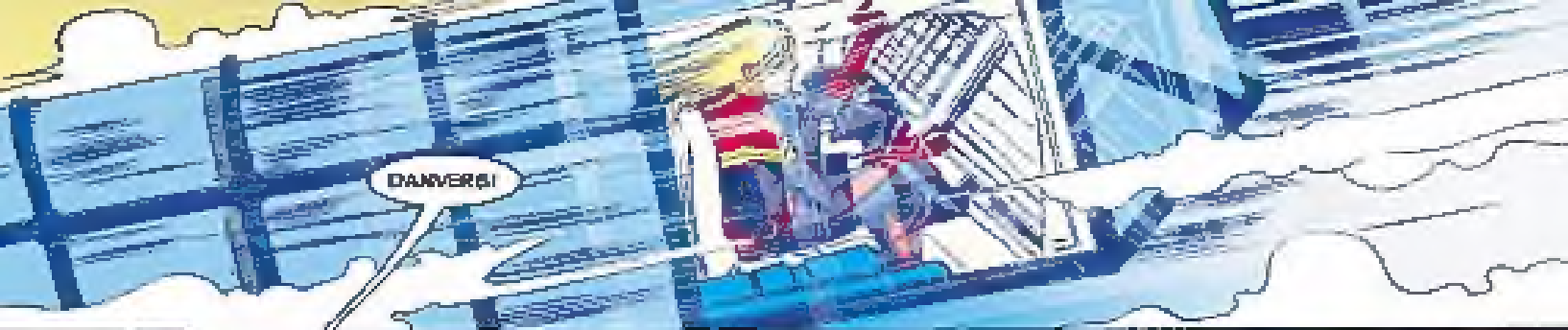


I'M
CAPTAIN
MARVEL

I
CALL THAT
WEDNESDAY





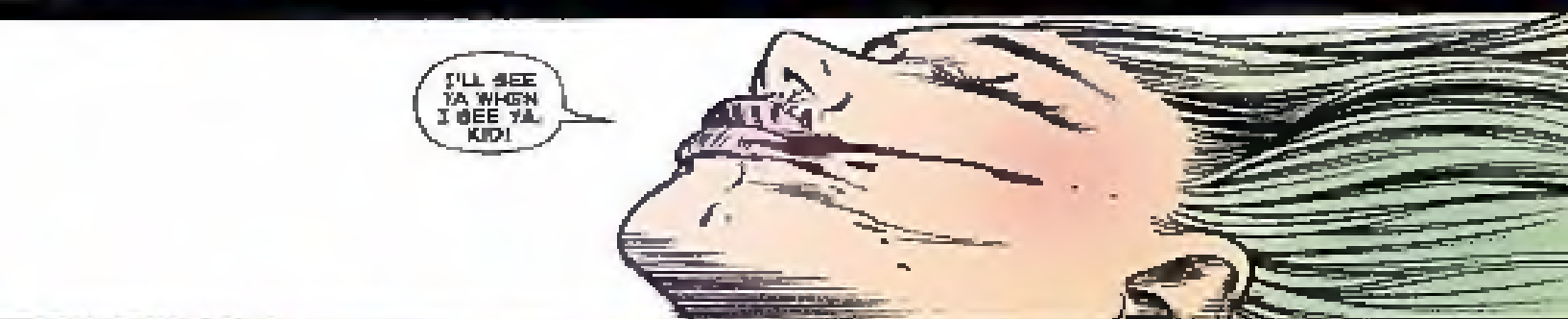


DANVERS!



YOU
WIN.

DO US
PROUD
NOW...



I'LL SEE
YA WHEN
I SEE YA,
KID!



MUTE

COLONEL,
SOME THINGS IDENT
IMMEDIATELY SAY
POSITION AND
ALTITUDE.

CONTROL,
THIS IS
GARRISON ALPHA
MIKE MIKE THREE.
IDENTIFY, POSITION
AND ALTITUDE...UH,
HOW ABOUT YOU
TELL ME?

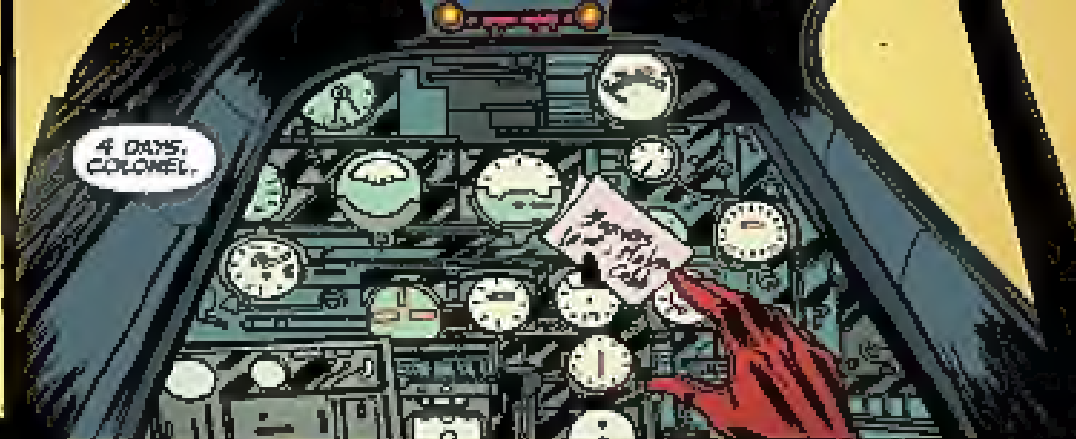
GARRISON
ALPHA MIKE MIKE
THREE, ROGER.
STANDBY ON
THAT.

COLONEL,
IT'S GOOD TO
HEAR BACK
FROM YOU.



GOOD
TO BE HEARD
FROM. HOW
LONG'VE I BEEN
GONE?





4 DAYS,
COLONEL.



4 LONG
DAYS.



HEY, DUMB
QUESTION--WERE
YOU ON POSITION
WHEN I DISAPPEARED?
DO YOU REMEMBER
THE LAST ALTITUDE
YOU HAD ME AT?



THAT WAS
MR. TEAM, RIGHT
LEVEL THREE-FOUR-
TWO THIRTY-FOUR
THOUSAND AND CHANGE.
THEN "FOUR"
GONE.

YOU GOT
YOUR RECORD,
OLD WOMAN.

WE
BOTH
WIN.



MOUNT SINAI
HOSPITAL

I'm leavin' you
the plane, kitten.

You deserve her.
You always did.

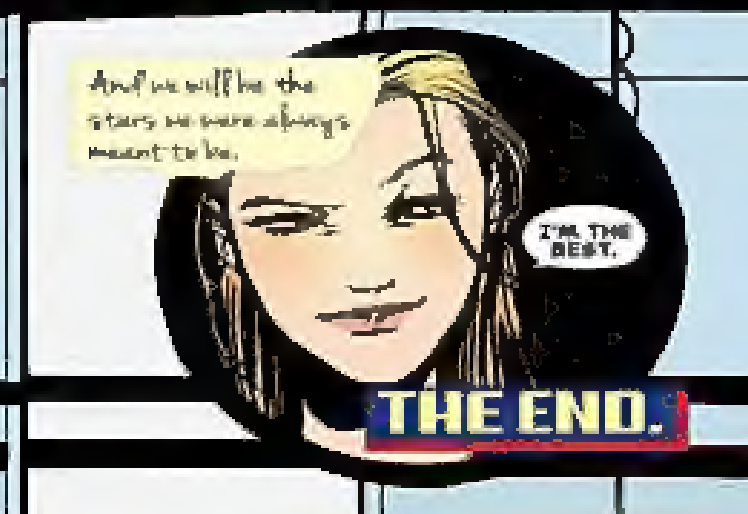
Don't go getting weepy on
me. Truth is, I took something
that didn't belong to me and
I'm leavin' you to fix it.

You'll understand
when you fly 'er.

WATCH
OUT! COMING
THROUGH!

WHAT
THE--?

IT'S
ABOUT
DAMN
TIME!



LET'S

RAP WITH CAP

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Okay, be warned. I'm about to put on my feminist fedora for a minute. I'm feeling inspired right now (and it's not just because of all the sugar I've just ingested). It's this comic book! Kelly Sue did it! She wrote a story with a powerful female lead, with powerful female sidekicks all about the power of female power! Apologies, my excitement makes me incoherent, but my point, guys and gals, is that this feels satisfying. As we put the finishing touches on this first arc, I want to commend the whole gang, Kelly Sue, Dexter Soy, Emma Rios, Alvaro Lopez, Jordie Bellaire and of course Steve Wacker, for creating a series that we've long been missing in the Marvel line—about a hero we can champion, who is strong, badass and formidable—and who just happens to be a woman.

That being said, I don't think we were trying to make such a loud feminist statement when we started this venture. It was more about what it means to be a hero in today's world, and the weight of that responsibility. In my opinion, Carol's decision to become Captain Marvel was less about her as a woman taking on a man's role, but whether or not she would live up to the legacy he left behind. This isn't a doubt that plagues one sex, but one I'm sure we all face in one capacity or another. Do we have it in ourselves to live up to the potential we strive for? To be the individuals we imagine ourselves to be? I hope so, because at the end of the day, I believe we all read comic books because of who our heroes are, not what they can do. Super heroes are inspiring because they defy the impossible, and help us believe that maybe we can, too.

And for you women in particular, who still have to compete in a man's world—because truth be told, we do—I hope that Captain Marvel is an inspiration in her own right. That through her journey you realize that you don't need to look anywhere else but inside yourselves to be the ultimate, most radiant, most powerful version of you, and that one day, you will undoubtedly become the stars you were always meant to be.

Perhaps, though, you already are.

(and slightly scary?) Phoenix Emma Frost. I'm assuming this is post AVX.

Dear Awesome People,

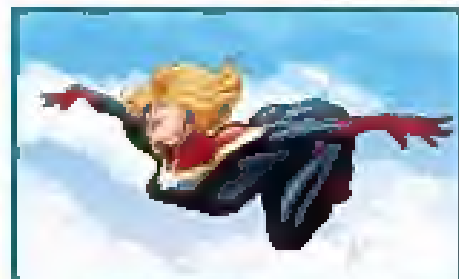
I have just finished the second issue of Captain Marvel and I want to shower you all with love and affection. I'm a 35-year-old mum of two who has fallen into the world of comics and fallen in love with Marvel characters as a result.

Finally, a female comic book hero who has not been fetishized for a male readership that is largely imagined—we need more of these stories! Rest assured they will be bought and read! I for one want more story arcs dealing with the ladies of Marvel, not just Carol. But Storm, Wasp, Spider, Black Widow, Mockingbird, Sharon Carter, Maria Hill, Rogue, Sif—the list of amazing women at Marvel is long and woefully underused! Now that it has been pretty much exposed that the “only teenaged boys read comics” trope is a myth, open up your eyes to the amazing possibilities of catering to audiences like myself and my daughter and my teenaged students—we don't just want to hear about Cap and Spidey and Tony Stark (although we definitely still want to hear about them, don't get me wrong) we want to see stories with these amazing ladies taking center stage and not just being the love interest or the motivation behind a male hero's anger.

Captain Marvel is a big step in a direction I truly hope you continue to travel. **BRING ON THE LADIES!**

(Also her costume is FANTASTIC. do not change a thing!)

Sincerely,
Imogen Casady



You wanted it, you got it! More fan art, this one by R.L. Lambert!

Dear Marvel,

I'm relatively new to reading comics, but I have to say I feel incredibly lucky to have started in time to read Captain Marvel from its inception. The first issue absolutely blew me away, both the script and the art, and I'm loving the time-travel plot so far (it takes Carol out of her comfort zone in a brilliant way). DeConnick's writing is beautiful, and captures the character so well. This version of Carol, with a new costume that is practical and still attractive, her strength and choice to adopt the legendary Captain Marvel title, and the importance of her friendships with other women is fantastic, especially for a young woman like myself. Something really original and innovative is being done with this series, and regardless of the flack in last month's letters regarding the costume and name change, I will be eagerly awaiting each new issue. Carol is moving forward, bringing something very important to the comics industry, and bringing in many

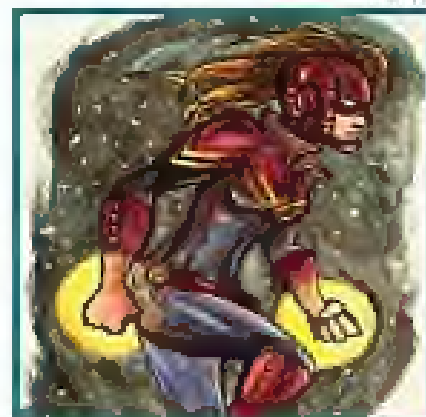
excited new readers as she goes.

Kelsey Grashoff

Hello,

I have been absolutely loving the new Captain Marvel series. I don't know what I like more, the art, the story, or her new getup. Sending you guys a little piece of fanart as my token of appreciation. Looking forward to the next issues to come.

Michelle P.



Michelle, Kelsey, and Imogen, you have good TASTE! Thanks for your letters! Everyone else, keep on sending 'em!



Though this story may be done, we have a whole lot planned for our Captain, so stay glued to the funny pages. Dexter Soy returns in issue 7 on an adventure that takes Carol way south of her comfort zone, under water! And just to get it out of the way now, you're welcome.

Okay, rambling done. Love out.

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NEXT ISSUE



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Speaking of inspiring, all hail Captain Marvel aka Judy Stephens, our beloved project manager at Marvel Digital. She made that costume herself and rocked it out right. Standing by her is the ever-tough